THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Andhra Pradesh experienced energy shortage of 7.8% and peak shortage of 14.6% during the period April 2000 to March 2001. The details are as given below:

| Energy (Million Units) | | Peak (MW) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Requirement | 47792 | Peak Demand | 8000 |
| Availability | 44055 | Peak Met | 6835 |
| Shortage | 3737 | Shortage | 1165 |
| Percentage | 7.8% | Percentage | 14.6% |

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise. However, generating schemes having total capacity of 3233 MW have been programmed during the 9th Plan period in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(e) and (f) According to APTRANSCO, Government of Andhra Pradesh, there is no hike in flat rate tariff for Agriculture. However, the metered (optional) tariff is revised as follows:

| Prior to 01.04.2001 | From 01.04.2001 |
|---|---|
| All units: 35 Paise/unit. | 0-2500 units per annum: 20 paise/unit.<br>More than 2500 units per annum: 50 paise/unit. |

**Amendment in Power Purchasing Agreement of Enron Power project**

3576. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have persuaded Enron Power Project authorities for an amendment to its power purchases agreement;

(b) if so, the response of the Enron authorities and details of the changes suggested in the agreement; and

(c) the progress made so far of its phase-II programme and the time scheduled for the completion of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Phase-II of the Dabhol power project is 93% complete, and Block-B (740 MW) is scheduled to be commissioned in June, 2001 and Block-C (740 MW) in October, 2001.

**Pre-Project study of Dabhol Power Project**

3577. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the article "Lessons from Enron" published in the Hindu of 22nd January, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that the commissioning of the Dabhol Project was not preceded by any study which anticipated any change in Rupees/Dollar exchange rate and Dollar/barrel oil price so essential for a rigorous risk analysis; and

(c) if so, whether experts/committees/consultants responsible for such study has been identified/held accountable/proceeded against and the course of action taken to this effect and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) has informed that commissioning of the Dabhol power project was preceded by study of the sensitive issues like probable $/Rs. Exchange rate variation based on the information provided by the World Bank. The oil price trend was based on the previous trend data, while working the probable estimated tariff of the electricity to be generated by the project. As per the estimate, tariff in 2001 should have been around Rs. 3.71 per Kwh at 90% Plant Load Factor. The Dabhol power project has been accorded clearance by the Central Electricity Authority. The present day high cost of naphtha in the